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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Operational Services, DDP

SUBJECT : Proposed [redacted] Tours of Duty  
Abroad

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1. Your comments on subject draft regulations have been the subject of discussion involving Mr. [redacted] SSA-DDS, and representatives of the Offices of Personnel, the Regulations Control Branch, and DDP/PC. The regulations are being redrafted in an attempt to find language which will be acceptable to all.

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2. One of your comments, however, requires separate handling. In paragraph a(5) of your memorandum of 26 September you suggest revising [redacted] (proposed) to delegate to the Deputy Director concerned the authority to "approve the return of an employee before he completes his tour of duty abroad when such return is in the Government interest." The draft regulation would give this authority to the Director of Personnel. Before the proposal was circulated for coordination subparagraph e was subject to particular scrutiny, and two versions were submitted informally to the Executive Director-Comptroller for his review. The first version, recommended by the Office of Personnel, placed the "short-of-tour" responsibility with the Deputy Director concerned; the second gave this responsibility to the Director of Personnel. The Executive Director-Comptroller elected to use the second version in the draft regulation. We cannot, therefore, revise subparagraph e as you request without asking the Executive Director-Comptroller to reconsider his earlier decision. We are not in a position to do that without further elaboration and justification to explain your recommendation.

3. It is requested that you reconsider your request to change the approval authority and either withdraw it or furnish us with the rationale you would like us to use in re-submitting the request to the Executive Director-Comptroller.

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